

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A mail-processing device that undertakes automatic generation of a product description has a programmable memory, a program memory, a working memory, a keyboard with operating elements, and a microprocessor, wherein either the program memory or the programmable memory has a memory range containing a program for evaluating mail-item-related data values stored in the working memory for permanent or semi-permanent storage of those values, and a memory range or semi-permanent storage of at least one first additional table for indices that are assigned to respective product codes, in which the product codes are stored ascendingly or consecutively in a column. The table also includes a second column wherein, in parallel to the product codes stored in the first column, indices for the product description are stored. A further memory range is provided in the program memory or in the programmable memory for permanent or semi-permanent storage of a second table for product descriptions, which are assigned to the respective indices determined from the first table. The microprocessor is programmed to evaluate the mail-item-related data values stored in the working memory by means of the table stored in the program memory or the programmable memory, so as to automatically determine a product code and a product description that are applicable to a particular service that is desired to be used, and that has been entered via the keyboard. The microprocessor also automatically determines, and supplies as an output, the necessary text for the product description for generating a printed copy memorializing usage of the aforementioned service.

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